

IN THE CLAIMS ✓

Please cancel claim 3. without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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sub C1 1. (Amended) A sanitary napkin comprising:
an elongate absorbent body; and
a pair of left and right wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body,

wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core, said wing portion absorbent core measuring 80 cm² or less in absorptive area after 1 minute after dropping 1 g of a physiological solution of sodium chloride.

2. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said absorbent body includes a liquid-retentive body absorbent core, and wherein said body absorbent core and said wing portion absorbent core are isolated from each other through an isolating member.

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sub C1 4. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said wing portion absorbent core is comprised of an embossed absorptive paper.

5. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said wing portion absorbent core measures 20 to 500 g in buckling strength.

6. (Amended) A sanitary napkin comprising:
an elongate absorbent body; and
a pair of left and right wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body,

B12 wherein each of said wing portions is formed by laminating at least two sheet materials, said two sheet materials being bonded to each other with an adhesive agent over substantially an entirety thereof except for non-coated areas of a predetermined width formed on said wing portions along opposite side edges of said absorbent body.

7. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said two sheet materials are an antileakage sheet and an absorptive sheet placed on said antileakage sheet.

8. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 7, wherein said absorptive sheet is provided on an upper surface side thereof with a liquid-permeable sheet in such a manner as to cover said absorptive sheet.

9. (Twice Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said wing portion comprises a pair of left and right front wing portions disposed at

longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body on a side of a front zone thereof and a pair of left and right rear wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body on a side of a rear zone thereof.

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10. (Amended) The sanitary napkin according to claim 9, wherein said absorbent article comprises an elongate upper layer portion comprised of a body absorbent core and a liquid-permeable topsheet disposed in such a manner as to cover upper and side surfaces of said body absorbent core; and a lower layer portion comprised of a liquid-impermeable antileakage sheet, a liquid-permeable sheet having a generally same configuration as said antileakage sheet and an absorptive sheet interposed between said liquid-impermeable antileakage sheet and said liquid-permeable sheet, said lower layer portion being enlarged in width dimension on a side of the front zone and the rear zone,

said upper layer portion being placed on said liquid-permeable sheet of said lower layer portion such that longitudinal opposite side portions of said lower layer portion, which are enlarged in width dimension, may extend from a longitudinal side edge of said upper layer portion, and,

said front and rear wing portions being formed extended portions of said lower layer portion.

Please add the following claims:

sub 7 11. The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein said wing portion absorbent core extends substantially an entire length of said absorbent article.

12. The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet with said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core located therebetween, said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core extending substantially an entire width of said absorbent article in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body.

b13 13. The sanitary napkin according to claim 1, wherein each of said wing portions includes a liquid-permeable top sheet and a liquid-impermeable back sheet with said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core located therebetween, said liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core including left and right portions extending laterally in non-overlapping relation from said elongate absorbent body.

14. The sanitary napkin according to claim 6, wherein said at least two sheet materials extend substantially an entire width of said absorbent article in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body.

15. A sanitary napkin, comprising:

an elongate absorbent body; and

a pair of left and right rear wing portions disposed at longitudinal opposite left and right sides of said absorbent body in a rear zone thereof,

wherein each of said rear wing portions includes a liquid-retentive wing portion absorbent core extending substantially an entire width of said absorbent article in partial overlapping relationship with said elongate absorbent body.

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16. The sanitary napkin according to claim 14, wherein said absorbent body includes a liquid-retentive body absorbent core, and wherein said body absorbent core and said wing portion absorbent core are isolated from each other through an isolating member.

17. The sanitary napkin according to claim 14, wherein said wing portion absorbent core measures 80 cm^2 or less in absorptive area after 1 minute after dropping 1 g of a physiological solution of sodium chloride.

18. The sanitary napkin according to claim 14, wherein said wing portion absorbent core is comprised of an embossed absorptive paper.

19. The sanitary napkin according to claim 14, wherein said wing portion absorbent core measures 20 to 500 g in buckling strength.